

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1                   1.       A method of delivering at least one item or service from a provider to a  
2 receiver, the method comprising:

3                               placing an order for at least one item or service to the provider;  
4                               providing the at least one item or service to a deliverer;  
5                               delivering the at least one item or service to the receiver;  
6                               obtaining at least one piece of data from the receiver at the time of  
7 delivery, the at least one piece of data being from a group comprising a credit card number,  
8 the information on the magnetic strip of a credit card, a debit card number, the information on  
9 the magnetic strip of a debit, a check, a money order, a gift certificate, information on a chip  
10 card, devices that store information that may be read by infra red, magnetic waves and/or  
11 radio waves, a gift certificate number, a reference number, a tracking number, an  
12 authorization number, an electronic signature, a copy of a piece of identification of the  
13 receiver, and a purchase order;  
14                               providing the at least one piece of data to a financial processor; and  
15                               providing payment for the at least one item or service from the  
16 financial processor to the provider.

1                   2.       A method in accordance with claim 1 wherein the at least one piece of  
2 data is provided to the provider prior to providing the at least one piece of data to the  
3 financial processor.

1                   3.       A method in accordance with claim 1 wherein the at least one piece of  
2 data is provided to the financial processor substantially immediately upon receipt at delivery.

1                   4.       A method in accordance with claim 1 wherein the at least one piece of  
2 data is provided to the financial processor with other pieces of data from other transactions.

1                   5.       A system for delivering at least one item or service from a provider to  
2 a receiver, the system comprising:

3                               a provider of at least one of an item or a service;  
4                               a deliverer;  
5                               a financial processor;

at least one communication channel for providing communication between the provider, the deliverer, the processor and receivers of the at least one of an item or a service; and,  
a data gathering device for transmitting data obtained by the deliverer during delivery of the at least one of an item or service to at least one of the provider and the processor, the data obtained being at least one of a group comprising a credit card number, the information on the magnetic strip of a credit card, the information on the magnetic strip of a debit card, a debit card number, devices that store information that may be read by infra red, magnetic waves and/or radio waves, a check, a money order, a gift certificate, a gift certificate number, a reference number, a tracking number, an authorization number, address of receiver, a purchase order, an electronic signature and a copy of a piece of identification of a receiver of the at least one of an item or a service.

6. A method of delivering at least one item or service from a provider to a receiver, the method comprising:  
placing an order for at least one item or service to the provider;  
providing the at least one item or service and a delivery address to a deliverer;  
delivering the at least one item or service to the receiver;  
obtaining at least one piece of data from the receiver at the time of delivery, the at least one piece of data being from a group comprising a credit card number, the information on the magnetic strip of a credit card, a debit card number, the information on the magnetic strip of a debit card, devices that store information that may be read by infra red, magnetic waves and/or radio waves, a check, a money order, a gift certificate, information on a chip card, a gift certificate number, a reference number, a tracking number, an authorization number, an electronic signature, a copy of a piece of identification of the receiver, and a purchase order;  
providing the at least one piece of data to a financial processor; and  
providing payment for the at least one item or service from the financial processor to the provider.